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MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

BOARD OF TRADE VOTES IN FAVOR OF A BUILDING.

Phase of the Nash Property Adjudicated by the Board—Property and Building Not to Exceed \$50,000—An Extended and Interesting Debate at Tuesday Night's Special Meeting.

Withstanding the oppressive heat today night there was a good attendance at the special meeting of the Board of Trade and many of those present with considerable interest in the extended and interesting debate over the subject of a municipal building.

President William Sutphen briefly reviewed the Board's previous action with respect to the matter of a municipal building and then called on David G. Garabrant, Chairman of the Board of Trade's Committee on municipal affairs, for a report.

Mr. Garabrant presented the report of that committee in the form of two resolutions; one expressing the conviction that the town ought to purchase the Nash property, corner of Broad and Franklin Streets, as a site for a municipal building, and that if in the judgment of the Council they should sell any part of the plot it should not exceed a strip ten feet wide along the rear line; the other resolution expressing the opinion that the Council should erect on that plot a suitable municipal building providing accommodations for all the town offices, a council room, police station, lock-up and quarters for Essex Hook and Ladder and Phoenix Hose Companies, the whole at a cost not to exceed \$50,000 including the site, to be paid for by a bond issue.

In presenting this report Mr. Garabrant made a statement of the considerations and line of reasoning which had led the committee to these conclusions. He first pointed out that the town government was compelled to furnish quarters for a Council chamber, offices of Tax Collector, Board of Assessors, Town Clerk, Town Engineer, Postmaster and Board of Health, police headquarters, lock-up and quarters for fire department. That if the town don't have a building providing such facilities must lease one. That if they lease it must be quarters ill adapted to some of the purposes or pay a very heavy rental to induce private parties to take the risk involved in erecting a specially designed building.

He stated that the condition of the fire department's present quarters was deplorable, absolutely unfit for use as regards the hose house, and tending to the discouragement and demoralization of the fire department. The situation rendered absolutely imperative an expenditure of probably \$10,000 to the immediate future to care for the fire department. Existing leases were said to expire at various times running over one to two years, so for this reason if a building was to be erected it should have early attention.

He then stated that the committee had discussed three locations, viz: 1st, The west side of Washington Avenue midway between the Centre and the D. L. & W. R. R.; 2d, Library Hall, corner Liberty and Broad Streets, and 3d, the Nash property, corner of Broad and Franklin Streets. He made a very fair statement of the advantages claimed for the first two localities but argued strongly in favor of the Nash corner as affording an ideal site, capable of being improved in a way that would be a credit to the town and a distinct addition to its beauties.

Among the features pointed out was its nearness to the Centre and yet not at the point of congestion in the very Centre; its location facing directly up the park; wide streets on all sides; abundant room for a plaza in front.

A tentative plan designed by Mr. J. F. Capen was exhibited and explained showing how the various accommodations needed would be provided. He pointed out that the building would be located near the Broad Street side with the entrances on that front, leaving wide lawn space on Franklin Street side and rendering that as quiet and private as possible. He argued that this property was certain to be utilized in the very near future and if not occupied for this purpose there was every probability that flats or some other style of buildings would be erected, inflicting greater injury on Franklin Street residence properties than would a handsome well-kept municipal building. He said the plan submitted was only tentative, the responsibility of the final plans resting of course with the Council.

The financial side of the plan was then set up. It was shown that the ten cent bonding limit prescribed by statute would be over \$500,000, while

Interest could be readily sold at a premium.

The cost of the building and lot which it had been proposed to erect on Washington Street would be about \$30,000, involving \$1,200 interest, while the estimated cost of the building and lot on the Nash corner would be \$40,000 as an outside figure according to the architect, but calling it \$45,000 the interest cost would be \$1,800. As the town is now paying \$1,550 rent and several hundred dollars per year for repairs even the higher priced location and building would cost less than is now being paid, besides having very much better facilities and a fine public improvement.

There should be some provision for paying the bonds and he suggested that \$1,000 per year could be used for that purpose, making the total amount to be raised \$2,800, or less if the building as claimed by the architect could be erected for a less amount. On this basis, however, the town would only be raising one cent on \$100 more than they are now doing, an amount so petty as not to be worthy of consideration in view of an improvement which could not fail to be gratifying to every patriotic citizen and tend to the development and advancement of our town.

Dr. Harry E. Richards, G. Lee Stout, Jas. H. Moore, Hugh D. King, F. S. Stone, W. W. Schouler, E. S. Kidder, J. B. Maxfield, W. W. Boardman, Jos. E. Maxfield, Dr. Cornelison, J. M. Mann, and Kenneth G. Duffield took part in the debate. The members of the Town Council were all present, but with the exception of Councilman J. M. Walker of the Second Ward none of the Councilmen expressed any opinion on the question before the meeting.

Chairman George Peterson of the Town Council replied from time to time to inquiries from different speakers as to the standing of the matter before the Council. Mr. Peterson made it clear that the Council as yet was not committed to any plan or place for a public building, and that the present agitation was brought about by the imperative necessity for new and better accommodations for the Essex Hook Company and Phoenix Hose Company.

Dr. Richards, Mr. Stout, Mr. Moore, Mr. Duffield, Mr. Maxfield, Mr. Mann, and Dr. Cornelison all favored the erection of a building such as was outlined by Mr. Garabrant, and the Nash property as the site.

Hugh D. King opposed the expenditure of \$50,000 for a public building. He was sure that a building that would meet all requirements could be erected for \$20,000 at the least. Mr. E. S. Kidder opposed the locating of the town hall and fire-house on the Nash property, and said that it would tend to depreciate the value of surrounding property. He also opposed expending \$50,000 for a building when, as had been shown that all that was needed can be secured for \$30,000. Mr. Boardman spoke in favor of the Washington Street location.

At the suggestion of Dr. Richards the question before the meeting was divided into two district propositions. The first was "does the town need a municipal building?" and the second related to the site.

After considerable discussion the first proposition was carried in the affirmative without a dissenting vote, and the second one involving the adoption of the report of the committee on municipal affairs was carried, there being only three votes in the negative. The Secretary, Mr. Quinn, was instructed to inform the Town Council of the action taken by the Board of Trade, and to present to the Council the resolutions adopted.

Get Out the Toy Pistol.

Garlock & Mischell, newsmen, have cut the toy pistol and blank cartridge out of their stock of Fourth of July goods this year. With this exception the firm is carrying a large supply of fireworks and other things used in the popular celebration of Independence Day. Mr. Garlock says that owing to the numerous fatal cases of lockjaw attributable to the use of the toy pistol by boys, he did not care to be responsible for placing the dangerous toy in the hands of other people's children when he would not let his own children have it.

Overcome with the Heat.

Nicholas Cogan, employed as a laborer in the American Brake Shoe Company's works, was overcome with the heat Wednesday while at work in the factory. He was carried into the company's office, where he became violently delirious, and threatened bodily harm to any one who dared approach him. It took the combined efforts of seven men to hold him. He was taken to the police station and given medical attention. Late in the evening he fell asleep and awoke in a normal state of mind and was conveyed to his home next morning.

Armenians at Odds. Jacob Daratz, an Armenian, caused the arrest Tuesday night of a fellow-

BASE-BALL.

Morocco and Wateessings will Play This Afternoon on the Arlington Avenue Grounds—The Sheet Steel Team Gave the Home Club a Close Run Last Saturday—The Foresters Won from the Junior Order Saturday Afternoon.

A good game of base-ball is promised for this afternoon on the Arlington Avenue grounds when the rival teams, the Wateessings and the Morocco Athletic Club of New York, will play. The Morocco Club is composed of expert athletes. The New Yorkers have beaten the Wateessings six times in seven games. Each team has won from the other this season, and today's game will decide the tie. If the weather is favorable this game ought to draw a record-breaking crowd to the Arlington Avenue grounds. The recent wet weather has not been beneficial to the home club's finances, and it costs considerable to bring good teams like the Morocco Club to this town.

The most exciting game of base-ball thus far played on the Arlington Avenue grounds this season took place Saturday afternoon between the Wateessings and the American Sheet Steel Athletic Club of New York. The game was one-sided up to the sixth inning, when the score stood 8 to 1 in favor of Wateessing. Pitcher Devereaux of the visiting team, a cool, aggressive and energetic base-ball player, was not at all discouraged over the outlook and kept pegging away at his men to "play ball," and in the sixth inning when the tide turned and the visitors scored three runs, making the score 4 to 8, at least half the crowd took sides with the New Yorkers, and the stimulating rooting no doubt helped the visitors to two more runs in the seventh inning and two more in the eighth, making the score 8 to 9. The Wateessing rooters began to scent danger and let themselves loose, and the result was that the contending factions made the grand stand hum. The Wateessings played a good game both in the field and at the bat, with the exception of the sixth inning, when some misplays helped the visitors to three runs. The score by innings was as follows:

Wateessing	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	10	9
Sheet Steel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4
Batteries	Durand and Cull, Devereaux and Bradley.									

On Oake's Oval Saturday afternoon a team composed of Court Bloomfield Centre, I. O. F., defeated a nine made up of members of Court Seth Boyden, I. O. F., by the score of 18 to 11. The score:

Court Bloomfield	0	7	1	0	3	2	0	3	18	
Court Seth Boyden	0	2	3	4	1	0	1	0	11	
Batteries	Mink and Bedford, Day and Taylor.									

The Coal Situation.

Beginning May first, the wholesale prices of coal have been advanced ten cents a ton in all up to date. Retail prices remained stationary at \$5.75 until July 1, when there was an advance of 25 cents a ton (to \$6.00). Local dealers say they are overpaid, and that coal is coming in very slowly, especially on the Morris Canal. Dealers on the canal are not able to get anywhere near their normal supply. The demand for coal for immediate delivery has been more than double what it was last year. The monthly advances of ten cents will continue until September; by next October or November, coal will probably be retailing in Newark, the Oranges and Bloomfield at \$6.25 a ton.

Death of Charles B. Morris.

Charles Barrett Morris, sixty-seven years old, one of the oldest Justices of the Peace in the county, and a life-long resident of Montclair, died at his home in Park Street, that place, at 7 o'clock Monday night. He had been ill several months with a complication of diseases. Mr. Morris was born in Montclair, which was then known as West Bloomfield, and was a son of W. B. Morris who conducted the first hardware store in the town. He was elected a Justice of the Peace in 1869, and had held the office up to the time of his death. He also served as Recorder soon after the new form of government was installed. Mr. Morris was the owner of considerable property in the Second Ward of this town.

In the Interest of Peace.

A disturbance occurred Sunday night in the tenement house on the corner of Bay Avenue and Broad Street occupied by Polish families. The chief offenders were brought to the police court. The testimony of numerous witnesses as to who was the aggressor in the affair was so confusing that the Recorder imposed a fine of five dollars on both complainant and defendant on the ground that both were guilty of disturbing the peace.

Republican Club Clam-bake. The members of the Second Ward Republican Club have arranged to

BOY DROWNED.

Eight-Year-Old Merrill Kenny of Lake Street Drowned in the Boys' Swimming Pool in Second River Wednesday Morning—His Companions were All Too Small to Attempt His Rescue.

A drowning accident occurred Wednesday morning in Second River. Merrill Kenny, aged eight years, son of Charles Kenny of No. 47 Lake Street, was the victim. The Kenny boy with a group of companions of about his own age went bathing between eight and nine o'clock Wednesday morning in what is known as the swimming pool east of the Lackawanna Railroad bridge. The place is a favorite bathing place with small boys and is not ordinarily a dangerous place, but the recent heavy rains have changed the condition somewhat. The boys were having a good time in the water when the Kenny boy waded out into the stream and suddenly disappeared beneath the surface of the water.

None of the boys present was large enough to go to his rescue, and they did the next best thing by running for help. The Kenny boy's brother ran home and told his mother that Merrill was drowned. The mother gave a piercing scream, and Frank L. O'Brien, who was doing some plumbing work upstairs in the house, ran down stairs to find out what the trouble was. When he was told he ran down to the stream and plunged in. His feet soon touched the boy's body lying on the bed of the river, and reaching down he picked it up and carried it ashore. In the meantime a crowd of women and children had gathered at the scene, and every effort was made to resuscitate the child, but without avail, and the body was carried to his parents' home. Before Mr. O'Brien left the Kenny house to go to the rescue of the boy he sent a boy to Lauffer's drug store to telephone for a doctor. Mr. Lauffer called up every doctor in the town, but could only reach Dr. E. M. Ward who responded promptly.

The police department was notified and Chief Collins reported the case to County Physician McKenzie, who came and viewed the corpse and granted permission for burial. The Kenny family have only been residents of this town about a month, and came here from New York. Mr. Kenny is employed at the Martin Brush Factory on Orange Street.

A Coincidence.

There was a remarkable coincidence in the manner of the death of Catherine Seery and her husband. Mrs. Seery is the woman who was found in a dying condition in the swamp land north of the Orange Water Company's wells below Grove Street, and who was brought to the police station and expired there. She belonged in Newtonville, Mass., and according to an account sent from that town she was the widow of a well-to-do Newtonville gardener, who met his death in a very similar manner about two years ago. His body was found in a deep swamp in Newtonville by Patrolman Davis. It was never learned how he met his death, but the theory was that he fell while crossing the meadow and, unconscious from the fall, was drowned. This theory was not upheld by the facts, however, and his death has always remained a mystery.

Shortly after this Mrs. Seery left Newtonville, and until the telegram announcing her death no one knew where she had gone.

Monday's Flood.

The heavy downpour of rain Monday morning caused an extensive flood on the Wateessing Lake property. The cellars of Bloomfield Avenue brick row houses were filled with water and considerable loss suffered by the tenants. James T. Murphy, the butcher, lost a number of chickens. Some of the tenants in the brick row were disposed to blame the company laying the big water main for the damage caused by the flood, because the company built a flume across Bloomfield Avenue under the bridge there.

Dispute over Game of Pool.

Joseph Howard and Schofield Love, both colored, got into an altercation Monday night in the Lincoln pool room over a game of pool, and it was alleged in court by Howard, the complainant, in the case, that Love struck him. Recorder Post, who has had long experience in hearing and adjusting colored people's troubles, discharged both men with a reprimand to behave themselves in the future.

New Hour of Closing.

The following grocery stores will adopt a new schedule of closing hours during July and August: W. S. Lock, B. T. Cadman, The Company.

Marriage-Groshong.

A pretty home wedding took place Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Groshong, when their youngest daughter, Miss Harriet Elizabeth, was married to John A. Raabach of Glen Ridge. The ceremony took place in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends, and the Rev. Charles A. Cook of the First Baptist Church officiated. The bride and groom are both members of Mr. Cook's church. The interior of the house was tastefully decorated with palms, ferns, smilax, and cut flowers. Miss Clara Lind presided at the piano and played the Mendelssohn wedding march as the bridal procession entered the parlors.

The bride was gowned in white embroidered mull trimmed with lace. She carried a shower bouquet of white sweet peas, and wore a pearl brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaid, Miss Bertha L. Groshong, sister of the bride, was gowned in white dotted swiss, trimmed with point de Paris lace, and carried pink sweet-peas. She wore a brooch set with pearls, the gift of the bride. Edwin M. Smith was best man. The gift of the bridegroom to his best man was a diamond scarfpin. Roswell H. Johnson acted as usher. A reception followed the ceremony, and after receiving the congratulations of friends Mr. and Mrs. Raabach left on a wedding tour. On their return they will reside at No. 47 Linden Avenue.

Engagement Announced.

Mrs. Nora Bash Hughes gave a luncheon on Friday, June 26, to announce the engagement of her daughter Carrie Elizabeth to Mr. James Ingalls of Detroit, Mich. The affair was an elaborate one and was largely attended. Miss Hughes is one of Fort Wayne's most talented and charming young women. For two years she has been studying vocal music in New York, where she met her fiancé. She has a rich contralto voice and considerable dramatic power. Her musical talent is inherited from both parents. Her father, the Rev. Joseph Hughes, came from a country of musicians, having spent the early part of his life in Dyrerth Wales. On her mother's side the Bash family's excellent voices and musical talents have been in evidence many times. Fort Wayne, Indiana, Journal-Gazette.

Miss Hughes sang in the First Presbyterian Church quartette here and has many friends in this town.

Evangelical Union Services.

The quarterly union services of the Evangelical Union are at hand. Rev. Remi Buttinghausen, pastor of the German Presbyterian Church, will preach on Sunday evening in the First Church, and the other churches will be closed. Next Wednesday evening the annual meeting of the Union will be held in the Westminster Church. A well-known speaker is always sought for these occasions. Among those who have been heard in the past are Rev. Donald Sage Mackay, Col. Hadley and Mrs. Ballington Booth. This year the Union has secured Rev. Wm. F. Eising, pastor of the DeWitt Memorial, New York. Mr. Eising has worked for twenty years in the east side of the city, and no one can describe the tenement life with more discernment and magnetism than he. His subject will be "The Bright Side of Tenement-house Life."

Golf at Glen Ridge.

C. F. Engle won the handicap golf competition on the Glen Ridge Golf Club links Saturday afternoon with a net score of 74. The scores: C. F. Engle, 88, 14-74; C. E. Le Masena, 94, 17-77; T. G. Smith, 99, 22-77; D. H. Standish, 113, 35-78; H. S. Chapman, 114, 35-79; F. S. Mitchell, 102, 22-80; J. N. Holton, 87, 6-81; H. Bogart, 117, 35-82; W. G. Thomas, 102, 18-84; W. E. Powers, 103, 18-85; G. R. Oberman, 98, 13-85; K. V. S. Howland, 102, 15-87; T. K. Benton, 109, 22-87; E. B. Osborne, 102, 13-89; C. Olney, 103, 18-91.

There was also play for the June Cup, Class A, in which T. G. Smith beat E. G. Newell 7 up, 6 to go. On July 4 there will be an all-day tournament.

Reception and Presentation.

'Sacred Heart Branch No. 303, Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association, gave a reception last Friday night in honor of Rev. Father Joseph M. Nardello and presented him with a shaving cabinet. The presentation was made by Mrs. Kate McCabe, the President of the association. After the presentation those present played euchre. Prizes were won by Mrs. Kate Wylie, Miss Barclay, Mrs. James Durning, Miss Mary Fingnan, Miss Mary O'Haire, Miss Margaret Higgins, Miss Annie O'Connor, Miss Kathryn Flannagan, and Mrs. Kate McCabe.

Odorous Escavelling.

Advised by Board of Health. Odor

LIKELY OPPORTUNITY

FOR SECURING STREET RAILWAY TRANSFER PRIVILEGES.

Public Service Corporation May Acquire Modifications of Franchises to Carrying Out Proposed Improvements to the Street Railway Service—The Company Said to be Anxious to Stand on a Friendly Footing with the People—Mutual Concessions will be in Order.

The Public Service Corporation, the new company which has assumed the control and operation of several of the public utilities in this county, including the street railway lines, has intimated its intention of making extensive improvements in the operation of its railway lines in order to afford the traveling public better facilities and more conveniences. It is not at all improbable that in order to perfect its plans the company may appear as a petitioner before the Town Council, requesting a modification of some of the provisions of the franchises under which it operates its lines in this town. There has been much criticism of the street railway franchises granted by this town to street railway companies. Some people looking backward from the present-day point of view can readily point out many things that they would have insisted on having embodied in a franchise if they had been in the Council when the franchises were acted upon and granted. There is much nonsense in such criticism, and the men who are so wise today would have made no better terms years ago than were made by the members of the Council that granted the franchises.

But conditions have changed since the franchises were granted, and the Public Service Corporation will no doubt be found willing to remedy some of the shortcomings of existing franchises in exchange for modifications of some of the provisions that may now interfere with the carrying out of contemplated improvements and changes.

The Public Service Corporation, it is understood, is anxious to cultivate the good will and friendly feeling of its large number of street corporations. One way to do it in Bloomfield is to adopt a transfer system within the town limits to and from the Bloomfield Avenue and the Broad Street and Glenwood Avenue lines; also abolish the extra two cents charged Bloomfield passengers for a transfer in Newark. The transfer will come in time, owing to the fact that conditions will arise under which the town authorities will be able to force the company to grant transfers, but the better policy would be for the company to anticipate force by a gratuitous concession of the transfers.

Some of the grievances of which the people of this town complain in the matter of street railway service are common grievances with several other towns. In Orange the same situation exists with respect to transfers, and an application to the City Council by the Public Service Corporation for permission to put the trolley wires in a subway will probably be made an issue between the Council and the company, and in which transfers will be demanded as a condition of consent.

Whether the suggestion also therein contained will bear fruit, that the city can get trolley transfers in return for the privileges that the ordinance introduced that night will convey to the company, is a question that it may take long to answer, but that it will finally be answered in the right way is the sincere wish of all. Many years have the Oranges uncompromisingly taken at the hands of the trolley roads only so much as they cared to give, and double fares have been paid without a murmur, where for years the transfer ought to have been a reality. The time must come when the trolleys will be compelled to give the transfers, and they ought in fairness to offer them now, when it would be regarded by the public as a distinct concession. The Public Service Corporation claims to be organized with the purpose of giving the best service in every public utility. The North Jersey and all the allied lines were almost entirely new, and with the object of making them better and a healthier life for the people, the new corporation was formed.

Agitation in Nantux.

There is a movement on foot in the town of Nantux in favor of municipal ownership of public water and light plants. The Council has instructed Water Clerk Vreeland to obtain data relative to the cost of maintaining water and electric light plants in municipalities which own their own plants, and to ascertain the advantages of the Nantux water works. The Nantux water works are almost entirely new, and with the object of making them better and a healthier life for the people, the new corporation was formed.